587. [*Transferred to the 6th May, 1988.*]

Conversion of coal into petrol

588. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start a project for conversion of coal into petrol; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rate of supply of electricity to agriculture sector

589. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is (i) the cost of production of electricity per unit (ii) rate of supply of electricity for agricultural purposes (iii) rate of supply of electricity to industry in different States during the last three years; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to make electricity cheaper to agricultural sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) (a) Details of the average cost of generation and supply and the average rate of realisation from the agricultural sector during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement-I (*See* below). The tariff for supply of power fixed by State Electricity Boards for different categories of industries during the last three years is given in the enclosed statement-II [*See* Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 27-A].

(b) Under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, the power to fix the tariff for supply of electricity to different categories of consumers rests in State Electricity Boards/State Governments.

Statement-I

(Ps/Kwh)

S.E.Bs.	Average cost of Generation and Supply			Average Rate of Realisation from Agricultural Sector		
	For the year ended 31st March					
	1985	1986	1987	1985	1986	1987
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh . .	47.39	53.27	54.51	6.62	5.57	5.50
Assam	122.17	164.39	191.81	39.55	30.00	50.00
Bihar	106.56	127.83	134.79	12.47	11.43	10.61
Gujarat	76.32	92.31	98.62	45.95	50.00	58.22
Haryana . . .	68.35	71.57	78.34	19.14	19.94	17.37